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Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

FCC 07M-20

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In the Matter of)	WT Docket No. 07-108
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JACK R. SHARPLES)	FCC File No. 0002185605
)	
Application for New License in the)	
Amateur Radio Service)	

ORDER

Issued: June 21, 2007

Released: June 22, 2007

An informal telephone conference was held by the Presiding Judge on June 20, 2007. Participating were Mr. Jack Sharples, Applicant, and counsel for the Enforcement Bureau. The conference was called after receipt on June 19, 2007, of a document that was sent on that same date by Mr. Sharples to the Deputy Chief, Mobility Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, the Commission Officer who issued *Hearing Designation Order* (DA 07-2183), released May 24, 2007.

Mr. Sharples represented that he would use an Amateur Radio Service License primarily for personal safety during hurricane season at his place of residence, Edgewater, Florida. Mr. Sharples expressed concern for the cost of his traveling to Washington, D.C. for a hearing. He was told that the Commission would not appoint counsel to represent him, and that he might seek a *pro bono* attorney in his community, or prepare to proceed *pro se*. He also was told that while he could participate in the prehearing conference by phone, he would have to appear to testify in person at the hearing so that credibility/demeanor could be assessed.

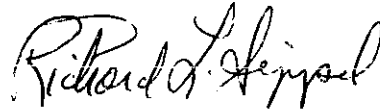
Mr. Sharples asked for more time to consider whether he wanted to continue to prosecute his Application or to give it up. In order to accommodate Mr. Sharples, and without objection from the Bureau, the Presiding Judge canceled the Prehearing Conference set for June 23, 2007, and moved the date to July 11, 2007.¹ Also without objection, the Presiding Judge ruled that the filing by Mr. Sharples of his document on June 19, 2007, would be considered a timely Notice of Appearance under the Commission's rules. *See 47 CFR. Section 1.221(c)*. However, if an attorney agrees to represent Mr. Sharples in this proceeding, that person must forthwith file the required Notice of Appearance. *Id.*

¹ The initial Prehearing Conference was set for June 23, 2007. *See Order FCC 07M-15*, released June 1, 2007.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the Prehearing Conference set for June 23, 2007, IS CANCELLED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Prehearing Conference IS RESET for **July 11, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.**²

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION³

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard L. Sippel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard L. Sippel
Chief Administrative Law Judge

² Mr. Sharples will be permitted to participate at the conference himself or through counsel by speaker telephone which will be recorded. The telephone number is (202) 418-0166. Mr. Sharples or his attorney must call that phone number on July 11, 2007 at 9:30 am. in order to participate in the Prehearing Conference which will be on-the-record. A failure to participate in the conference could result in default.

³ Courtesy copies of this Correction were sent to all counsel by e-mail, or by fax to Mr. Sharples.